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1. INDOCHINA

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75 MILLION DOLS MORE ON EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR GKR AND

MAJORITY WILL PRESS FOR ABOUT 120 MILLION IN AMMO, ACCORDING REP MCCLOSKEY (WSJ). ALTHOUGH MCCLOSKEY REPORTED MAJORITY AGREEMENT ON MIL AID FOR GKR, PUBLIC STATEMENTS INDICATE ONLY SEN BARTLETT, REPS MCCLOSKEY, CHAPPELL AND MURTHA FIRMLY IN FAVOR; ABZUG, FRASER AGAINST; FENWICK UNDECIDED, BUT "LEANING IN FAVOR"; FLYNT, NO INCLINATION EITHER WAY. GROUP EXPECTED TO PRESENT REPORT TO HAC TODAY. DELEGATION ALSO AGREED RECOMMEND UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF MEDICAL AID (AP, GLOBE). MAJORITY REPORTEDLY IN FAVOR OF RECOMMENDING EMERGENCY AMMO SUPPLIES FOR 75 MORE DAYS, UNTIL CAMBODIA RAINY SEASON BEGINS (GWERTZMAN, NYT).

MCCOMBS IN PP (WP 3/2) DESCRIBES HASTILY-ARRANGED MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND NEWS CONFERENCES FOR 6 CODEL MEMBERS WHILE IN CAMBODIA. NOTES REBELS' BRUTALITY WAS RECURRING THEME BY REFUGEES AND SEVERAL CODEL MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN US ABANDONMENT MIGHT LEAD TO MASS KILLINGS.

SUN'S MILLS QUOTES MCCLOSKEY THAT CODEL DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT 75 MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR CAMBODIA HUMANITARIAN AID, WITH MAJORITY ALSO RECOMMENDING 124 MILLION FOR MIL AID. ABZUG SAID SHE WILL OPPOSE MORE MIL AID BECAUSE WOULD MEAN "MORE CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES, MORE REFUGEES, MORE STARVATION, MORE DEATH." SAYS MCCLOSKEY EARLIER SUGGESTED HE HAD BECOME MORE RECEPTIVE TO ADMIN'S POSITION AFTER TRIP. BARTLETT FEELS US HAS "SOME KIND OF COMMITMENT" TO SVN, BLOOD BATH IN CAMBODIA IF US DOES NOT PROVIDE MORE MIL AID. CHAPPELL FAVORS 222 MILLION FOR CAMBODIA. MILLS QUOTES AIDES THAT GROUP SEEMED LITTLE CHANGED BY TRIP ON QUESTION OF MAJOR MIL AID TO SVN AND GKR.

MARDER/LYONS (WP) NOTE ADMIN WON PARTIAL SUPPORT FOR GKR EMERGENCY AID FROM CODEL, WHOSE MEMBERS AFFECTED BY PLIGHT OF KHMER CIVILIANS CAUGHT IN WAR. COMBINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND MIL AID LIKELY TO BE OFFERED AS COMPROMISE SUBSTITUTE FOR ADMIN REQUEST. NO AGREEMENT IN CODEL ON PRES' REQUEST FOR 300 MILLION SVN MIL AID. PASSMAN SUBCOMMITTEE SCHEDULED TODAY TO MARK UP LAST YEAR'S DELAYED FOREIGN AID BILL, TO WHICH PASSMAN SEEKS ADD UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW INDOCHINA EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. POINT OUT "MODIFICATIONS OF POSITION" ON PART OF SEVERAL CODEL MEMBERS FOLLOWING TRIP.

NYT'S MARKHAM IN SAIGON REPORTS AT LEAST 4 CODEL MEMBERS "DISMAYED" BY WHAT THEY CONSIDERED AMB MARTIN'S LACK OF OBJECTIVITY ON VN ISSUE; AT LEAST 2 SAID CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING HE BE REPLACED. FRASER, ABZUG, MCCLOSKEY

AND FENWICK UPSET BY MARTIN'S UNDEVIATING SUPPORT OF GVN, OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF ITS PROSPECTS, AND, ESPECIALLY, HIS CONTENTION IT HOLDS NO POLITICAL PRISONERS. MARKHAM SAYS FLYNT AND CHAPPELL ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT SIMILARITY OF MARTIN'S VIEWS TO THOSE OF GVN. ABZUG AND FRASER SEEM ALMOST CERTAIN TO JOIN EFFORT PERSUADE CONGRESS REPLACE MARTIN WITH "MORE FLEXIBLE AMBASSADOR." MARTIN REPORTEDLY TOLD CODEL THAT IN 40 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE, "I HAVE BEEN PROVED CONSISTENTLY RIGHT." STATES MCCLOSKEY CONCLUDED EMBASSY "WASHED ITS HANDS" ON POLITICAL PRISONER QUESTION. REPORTS TO SURPRISE OF SOME CODEL MEMBERS, MARTIN BOARDED PLANE AND ACCOMPANIED THEM BACK TO WASHINGTON.

SUN'S ISAACS FROM SAIGON SAYS CODEL MEMBERS WHO SOUGHT TO ASSESS STATE OF SVN POLITICAL FREEDOM REPORTED UPSET PARTICULARLY BY AMB MARTIN'S VIGOROUS ESPOUSAL OF THIEU'S CLAIM HE HOLDS NO POLITICAL PRISONERS. NOTES IN BRIEFINGS

EMBASSY STAFF CONSISTENTLY TRIED EXPLAIN AWAY CRITICISM OF GVN, AND SOME CODEL MEMBERS TAKEN ABACK BY MARTIN STATEMENT THAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROVED RIGHT AND THEY SHOULD TAKE HIS WORD ON ASSESSMENTS OF VN SCENE. POINTS OUT THAT ANOTHER ISSUE THAT SEEMED TO CONCERN SOME CONGRESSMEN WAS MARTIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD US REPORTERS AND NEWS ORGANIZATIONS IN VN. QUOTES DELEGATION SOURCE THAT AFTER RETURN TO WASHINGTON, WILL BE ORGANIZED EFFORT TO WIN SUPPORT IN CONGRESS TO PRESS SECSTATE TO REMOVE MARTIN.

NYT'S GWERTZMAN REPORTS HAK "CALLED UNENTHUSIASTIC" ABOUT CODEL SUGGESTIONS HE MAKE MAJOR NEW DIPLOMATIC EFFORT TO SETTLE VN, CAMBODIA WARS. QUOTES DOS UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIAL THAT SECSTATE FEELS LITTLE SENSE IN TRYING WHEN SITUATION WEIGHTED SO HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF COMMUNIST-BACKED FORCES. STATES MARTIN EXPECTED MAKE STRONG EFFORT ON HILL FOR MORE GVN AID. NOTES BARTLETT AND ABZUG FEEL STRONGLY HAK SHOULD UNDERTAKE NEW DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES; WHEN QUESTION CAME UP, DOS' ANDERSON SAID US HAD BEEN MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED ON CAMBODIA, BUT WITH SITUATION ON GROUND BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT, THIS NO INDUCEMENT TO START NEGOTIATIONS. HAK AIDE SAID SECSTATE GLOOMY OVER PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATED END TO CAMBODIAN FIGHTING SINCE SUMMER 1973 WHEN CONGRESS FORBADE FURTHER US COMBAT SUPPORT; AND PRESENTLY BELIEVES EVEN IF CONGRESS APPROPRIATES EXTRA FUNDS, INSURGENTS WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE HOPE FOR MIL VICTORY AND REFUSE NEGOTIATIONS.

GWERTZMAN FINDS RETURNED CODEL SOMEWHAT MORE SYMPATHETIC TO EXTRA AID THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.

DOS, IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM THAT NOT ENOUGH BEING DONE TO PROVIDE CAMBODIA FOOD, ANNOUNCES 20,000 TONS OF RICE BEING GRANTED TO PP VOLAGS (GWERTZMAN; PHINQ). ACTION FOLLOWED CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE TO PUT MORE RICE IN HANDS OF CIVILIANS, WITH CHARGES - DENIED BY DOS - THAT AIRLIFTED RICE PRIMARILY ALLOCATED TO SOLDIERS (MARDER/LYONS, WP). WP FRONT-PAGES UPI PHOTO OF RICE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO REFUGEES DURING CODEL PP VISIT.

IN REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT REPORTS LON NOL OFFERED TO STEP DOWN IF BARRIER TO PEACE, DOS' ANDERSON DECLINED COMMENT ON WHETHER LON NOL SHOULD RESIGN, SINCE REAL PROBLEM IS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS GOING (GWERTZMAN). LON NOL STATEMENT TO CODEL HAS BECOME CAUSE OF CONTROVERSY, WITH AMB DEAN TELLING BARTLETT AND TWO OTHERS THAT ONE PASSAGE

INDICATED WILLINGNESS STEP ASIDE IF IT WOULD BRING PEACE (NYT SPECIAL, SAIGON).

CSM'S DANA SCHMIDT REPORTS US TRYING TO CONVINCE PEKING BEST WAY TO END OUR SUPPORT OF GKR IS FOR COMMUNISTS MAKE COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT WITH LON NOL (USIA 3/4 WIRELESS FILE).
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INSURGENT ROCKETS KILL 19 IN PP AND POCHENTONG, IN HIGHEST DAILY TOLL OF CURRENT OFFENSIVE (REUTER, NYT; AP GLOBE, WP, SUN). NO US AIRCRAFT HIT. DEATHS FROM STARVATION INCREASE AS SHORTAGE SENDS FOOD PRICES SOARING (PHINQ). MIL SITUATION WORSENS STEADILY AND FIELD OFFICERS REPORT HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND NEAK LUONG (CHITRIB). PHINQ FRONT-PAGES AP PHOTO OF PP ROCKET VICTIMS.

IN SAIGON, 27 OPPOSITION LAWMAKERS SAY ANY NEW US AID SHOULDN'T BE GIVEN TO THIEU, BUT TO "PEACE ORIENTED" GOVT (WSJ). GROUP DENIES CONTACT WITH US CODEL (AP WP, SUN).

SHAFFER (WP 2/2) REPORTS 62 ARRESTED DEMONSTRATION AT WH AGAINST US INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA. GROUP INCLUDED SOME LONGTIME LEADERS OF ANTIWAR MOVEMENT, INCLUDING BERRIGANS, DICK GREGORY, DON LUCE.

2. JAPAN

REUTER (TOKYO) NOTES VISITING SAUDI MIN HISHAM

MUHYDDIN NASER, FM MIYAZAWA SIGN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT MONDAY. MOFA SPOKESMAN SAYS WILL FURTHER COOPERATION ALL ECON FIELDS, ESTABLISH JAPAN-SAUDI JOINT ECONCOM, PROMOTE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN SA. JAPAN TO SEND TECHNICIANS TO COOPERATE WITH SAUDIS (NYT).

JOC CITES SKAARUP SHIPPING CORP SPOKESMAN THAT FIRM BROKERED AGREEMENT BY JAPAN, BRAZIL INTERESTS TO COMBINE 20 MILLION TONS ORE, OIL TRANSPORT NEEDS OVER NEXT TEN YEARS IN "EQUITABLE EXCHANGE"; SAYS KAWASAKI TO CARRY PERSIAN GULF OIL TO BRAZIL IN "STRICTLY TRANSPORTATION DEAL", NOT COMMODITY SWAP.

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS HONDA PLANS BEGIN KNOCKDOWN ASSEMBLY OF SUBCOMPACT CARS SHORTLY, IN INDONESIA, PORTUGAL.

CHITRIB'S YATES IN TOKYO DESCRIBES "BARRAGE" OF OPPOSITION CRITICISM TO EMPEROR'S US VISIT, ON GROUNDS LDP USING UNCLASSIFIED

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POLITICALLY. BUT NOT EXPECTED BLOCK TRIP BECAUSE

EMPEROR "UNUSUALLY VOCAL" ABOUT OWN DESIRE TO GO, VIEWED AS REALIZATION OF AMBITION DATING FROM 1921. QUOTES EMPEROR SAYING FRIDAY AT PALACE "I AM VERY HAPPY THAT MY WISH TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE FINALLY REALIZED." ADDS MANY CONCERNED ABOUT HEALTH OF 73-YEAR OLD EMPEROR, EVEN THOUGH NEVER SUFFERED MAJOR ILLNESS.

3. KOREA

NYT (SEOUL) NOTES OPPOSITION STEPS UP ATTACKS ON PARK GOVT OVER CHARGES SECURITY AGENTS TORTURED POLITICAL PRISONERS. RULING DRP BARS OPEN ASSEMBLY DEBATE BUT NDP, IN OPEN LETTER TO PARK MADE PUBLIC BEFORE DELIVERY MONDAY, DEMANDS HE PUNISH AGENTS RESPONSIBLE. ALSO, RC-LED NATL COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY PROPOSES FACT-FINDING COMM OF CLERICS, POLITICIANS, JOURNALISTS PROBE CHARGES.

4. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS TELLS PRESS GOP TO LIMIT MIL ACTION AGAINST MOSLEM REBELS TO ENCOURAGE PEACE TALKS, DESPITE UPSURGE IN REBEL OPERATIONS; WILL RESUME PEACE TALKS WITH REBELS EARLY NEXT MONTH, IN SAUDI ARABIA (WP).

DEFSEC ACCUSES REBELS OF ATROCITIES AGAINST CHRISTIAN, MOSLEM CIVILIANS; LISTS 16 INCIDENTS LAST YEAR, CLAIMS

315 CIVILIANS KILLED. LATER ORDERED ARMY TO STOP
"AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS" AGAINST REBELS UNTIL PEACE
TALKS RESUME IN APRIL (CHITRIB).

5. MALAYSIA

AFP (KL) SAYS MALAYSIA CALLED ON OTHER RUBBER PRODUCING
NATIONS MONDAY TO EVOLVE "DYNAMIC PRODUCTION POLICY"
TO PREVENT LOSING GROUND TO SYNTHETIC RUBBER (WP).

6. THAILAND

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AP (BANGKOK) SAYS DEFMIN THAWIT TOLD PRESS MONDAY NEW
RTG PLANS CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL ALL US FORCES WITHIN 18
MONTHS UNLESS "CRITICAL MILITARY SITUATION EXISTS THEN"
(WSJ, CHITRIB, BALTO N-A 3/3). THAWIT SAID SENI TO
ANNOUNCE PLAN IN POLICY STATEMENT TO ASSEMBLY THURSDAY;
ALSO SAID FIRST DRAFT CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL "SOON AS
POSSIBLE," BUT DECLINED EXPLAIN CHANGE. US ALREADY
CARRYING OUT PLAN TO CUT MIL PRESENCE IN HALF THIS
YEAR (PHINQ, GLOBE, SUN). CSM QUOTES SURIN MASDIT,
MINISTER ATTACHED PM OFFICE, THAT RTG BASE POLICY TO BE

CARRIED OUT "SOON AS POSSIBLE," BUT NO LATER THAN 18
MONTHS.

NYT SPECIAL (BANGKOK) SAYS MOVE CAME AS SURPRISE IN
VIEW RECENT PRO-AMERICAN STATEMENTS BY SENI. VIEWS
18 MONTH DEADLINE AS "MINIMUM PRICE" COALITION "MUST
PAY" FOR LIBERAL, LEFT-WING SUPPORT IN CONFIDENCE VOTE
RTG FACES IN HOUSE THURSDAY. CITES US SPOKESMAN AS
UNAWARE US-THAI CONSULTATIONS PRECEDED ANNOUNCEMENT
(USIA WIRELESS FILE 3/4).

WP'S GETLER, SHARKEY FIND MOVE CAUGHT US BY SURPRISE,
QUOTE SECDEF PREFERENCE FOR "RESIDUAL PRESENCE"
ULTIMATELY (USIA WIRELESS FILE 3/4).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

SUN (MAR 1) PRINTS VN VIEWS OF SENS MCGOVERN AND
NUNN. MCGOVERN HOLDS THIEU TRIED SUBVERT, DESTROY
PARIS AGREEMENT FROM SIGNING, WHILE "WEIGHT OF
EVIDENCE" SHOWS IT HAD SUPPORT OF DRV, PRG.
ASSERTS THIEU HAD FAIR WARNING - CONGRESS TURNED
DOWN ESCALATING ARMS REQUESTS TWO YEARS RUNNING.

BUT "THIEU PRODDER BEEHIVE" -- NOW HIS RESPONSIBILITY
"TO BEAR STING OF BATTLE."

AFTER SVN VISIT, NUNN FAVORS OPTION FOR US OF GIVING
SVN AID, AFTER TWO YEAR TRANSITION, AT LEVEL BASED
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ON ESTIMATED AID TO NVN BY CHINA, SOVIET, SHIFTING
TO EXTENT PRACTICABLE, FROM MIL TO ECON, SOCIAL AID
TO PUT BURDEN OF DEFENSE MORE DIRECTLY ON GVN. US
SHOULD ALSO NEGOTIATE REDUCTION OF CHINA, SOVIET
AID TO NVN. BUT SINCE WE TRAINED ARVN TO FIGHT
AMERICAN-STYLE WAR WITH SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT,
MASSIVE SUPPLIES, SVN NEEDS TIME TO CONVERT ARMED
FORCES TO DEFEND COUNTRY IN OWN STYLE. RECOMMENDATIONS
MEAN US WILLING RISK POSSIBLE SVN FALL WITHOUT RE-
ENTERING WAR; BUT US CANNOT SUBSTITUTE MONEY FOR
MOTIVATION, NOR SHOULD US MIL POWER SERVE AS SVN
CRUTCH IN EMERGENCIES.

NYT'S RUSSEL BAKER (MAR 1) JUXTAPOSES SEVERAL QUOTES
FROM SCHANBERG'S REPORTS FROM PP WITH PRES', HAK'S
"WHOOPIING IT UP FOR MORE WAR IN CAMBODIA." SAYS
HELPS UNDERSTAND HOW US POLICY RELATES TO CAMBODIAN
REALITY. IN CONTRAST TO REPORTS CAMBODIA BEFORE WAR
SO RICH IN FOOD "EVEN VERY POOR NEVER HUNGRY," PRES

CONVEYS "DEEP CONCERN" TO HOUSE THAT INDEPENDENT
CAMBODIA CANNOT SURVIVE UNLESS CONGRESS ACTS SOON
ON SUPPLEMENTAL; AS CAMBODIA BECOMES "CHARRED WASTELAND"
OF "LANDLESS NOMADS WITH EMPTY STOMACHS," PRES WARNS
CAMBODIA WILL RUN OUT OF AMMO IN LESS THAN MONTH,
AND HAK WARNS CAMBODIA CERTAIN TO FALL IF AID NOT
VOTED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

ROWAN IN BALTIMORE AND N-A AND STAR (3/3-3/2) CALLS
FOR END TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AID. SAYS US AIDED
SIHANOUK OVERTHROW BUT NO AMOUNT AID CAN MAKE
DIFFERENCE IN DESTINIES OF CAMB AND SVN. CAMBODIA
DEPICTED AS TERMINALLY ILL. SVN LESS SO BUT STILL
GRIM. NOT EASY FOR US TO GIVE UP BUT TIME HAS COME
TO STOP SHORING UP PAST MISTAKES.

EDIT IN BOSTON GLOBE (3/1) CALLS FOR BREAKING THE
ARMS HABIT AND SUGGESTS PRES CALL A SUMMIT MEETING
OF BIG THREE OF FOUR AND PUT AN END TO ARMS SALES
AND GRANTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD (INCLUDING INDOCHINA).

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MACARTHUR IN LATIMES (3/2) SAYS CAMBODIA REGIME
ALMOST CERTIANLY NEAR END (SEE WIRELESS FILE).

TAD SZULC IN POST (3/3) DISCUSSES ARMS THEFTS IN
SVN (SEE WIRELESS FILE).

WP SEES FAINT RAY OF LIGHT BREAKING THROUGH GRIM
CLOUDS OVER CAMBODIA WHEN LON NOL REPORTEDLY
INDICATED HE WOULD STEP DOWN IF BARRIER TO PEACE
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE 3/4).

MCCOMBS (WP) DISCUSSES CODEL VISIT TO INDOCHINA AND
REASSESSMENT OF VIEWS THAT FOLLOWED (IN USIA WIRELESS
FILE 3/4).

FORMER ASSTDEFSEC NUTTER (WP), IN FIRST OF SERIES ON
QUESTION OF MORE AID TO SVN, SEES ISSUE IN TERMS OF
US KEEPING ITS WORD WITH WORLD WATCHING (IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE 3/4).

8. CHINA

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, SAYS
NEW DRIVE TO CURB BOURGEOIS IDEAS AND HABITS IN
CHINA IS BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE,
IN WAKEOF YAO WEN-YUAN'S WEEKEND PRONOUNCEMENT
AGAINST "NEW BOURGEOIS ELEMENTS AND UPSTARTS" WHO
YAO SAID ARE PLOTTING TO SEIZE POWER IN PEKING.

NCOMPROMISING TONE OF LATEST PIECE SUGGESTS NEW
ATTACK ON BOURGEOIS TENDENCIES MAY HAVE SHARPER
CUTTING EDGE THAN PRECEDING ANTI-CONFUCIUS/LIN PIAO
CAMPAIGN (CSM). TO WP'S GREENWAY, YAO'S ARTICLE
SEEMED ADDRESSED MAINLY TO HIS TRADITIONAL CONSTITUENCY,
YOUTH; HE APPEARED TO BE WARNING THEM AGAINST BEING
SEDUCED INTO WAYS OF WRONG THINKING. GREENWAY NOTES
ANALYSTS CANNOT AGREE WHETHER YAO IS BUCKING PARTY
ESTABLISHMENT IN MAO'S NAME, OR WHETHER HE HAS JOINED
ESTABLISHMENT IN EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE ITS POWER,
AND SET PROPER IDEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK TO MOVE FORWARD
ON CHOU'S IDEAL OF PUTTING CHINA IN FIRST RANK OF
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INDUSTRIAL NATIONS BEFORE CENTURY'S END.

PASSAGES IN YAO ARTICLE APPEAR TO REFLECT RESERVATIONS

ABOUT NEW PRC LEADERSHIP, SAYS NYT'S LELYVELD (IN HK); BUT TAKEN AS WHOLE, ARTICLE DOES NOT APPEAR CALL FOR MASS CAMPAIGN OR STRUGGLE. BUT NOTE OF DISQUIET IS PERHAPS ARTICLE'S MOST STRIKING FEATURE. ITS IMMEDIATE POLITICAL CONTEXT AND PURPOSES ARE DIFFICULT TO MAKE OUT, BUT THOUGHT OF BARBED REFERENCES TO LEADERSHIP ELEMENTS THAT WERE GPCR STAPLES AND MORE RECENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIN, WERE LESS OBVIOUS THAN CONCERN THAT YOUNGER CHINESE WORKERS AND OFFICIALS ARE SUCCUMBING TO "BOURGEOIS WORLD OUTLOOK."

US ANALYSTS STEEPED IN YEARS OF SEA CONFLICT, SAYS CSM'S SCHMIDT, US TRYING CONVINCE PEKING BEST WAY TO END AMERICAN SUPPORT OF GKR IS FOR COMMUNISTS COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT WITH LON NOL.

SUN'S ED WU (3/2) REPORTS PEKING HAS MADE RENEWED PROPAGANDA DRIVE FOR PRC-TAIWAN REUNIFICATION AND HAS INDICATED PROSPECTS NOW BETTER THAN BEFORE. ACCORDING SATURDAY NCNA, LIAO CHENG-CHIH (CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS) TOLD TAIWAN-ORIENTED MEETING FRIDAY IN PEKING THAT GREAT MAJORITY OF ROC OFFICIALS ARE PATRIOTIC, ONLY FEW "TRAITORS," AND THAT ALL PATRIOTS BELONG TO ONE BIG FAMILY. WU NOTES LIAO DID NOT HINT WHETHER TAIWAN'S "LIBERATION" TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY FORCE OR PEACEFUL MEANS, BUT TONE OF SPEECH SUGGESTED SOLUTION BY PEACEFUL MEANS PREFERRED, WITH ENCOURAGEMENT INITIALLY FOR PEOPLE ON TAIWAN TO VISIT MAINLAND.

LAT'S ELEGANT, IN HK, NOTES THAT FOR FIRST TIME, PRC IS OFFICIALLY POINTING WITH ALARM TO ITS WIDE-

SPREAD CRIME PROBLEM. PICTURE RECENTLY PRESENTED BY RED FLAG QUITE DIFFERENT FROM IMPRESSIONS OF "FOREIGN GUESTS" ON CONDUCTED TOURS, WHO DISCERN NEW SOCIAL PARADISE WHOLLY DEVOID OF EVILS COMMON ELSEWHERE;
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BUT IT ACCORDS CLOSELY WITH REPORTS OF CHINESE VISITORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO FLOCKED BACK TO CANTON DURING RECENT LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. ARTICLE EXHORTED CHINESE TO "EXERCISE DICTATORSHIP OVER HOLDUP MEN AND BURGLARS, OVER SWINDLERS AND CONFIDENCE MEN, OVER MURDERERS AND ARSONISTS, AS WELL AS ORGANIZED GANGS" (3/3).

9. JAPAN

LAT'S JAMESON IN TOKYO (3/2) OBSERVES "SCHIZOPHRENIC HESITATION" TO RATIFY NPT ETCHED MORE SHARPLY LAST WEEK BY JAPAN-IAEA AGREEMENT ON PEACEFUL USE INSPECTION STANDARDS, FORMERLY CITED AS REASON FOR DELAY. NPT OPPONENTS NOW CLING GOJ 1970 RESERVATIONS, WHICH CALLED FOR NUKE POWERS TO ASSURE NON-NUKE COUNTRIES SECURITY, MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD DISARMAMENT. CLEARLY NEITHER IS STILL AN ISSUE.

BELIEVES STRONGEST "REAL" REASONS ROOTED IN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE TO WHAT NAKASONE CALLED "GREAT POWER CHAUVINISM" WHEN SOVIET INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- BIG POWERS DI-TATE STANDARDS FOR OTHERS BUT NOT CONSTRICTED BY ANY. NOTES FUKUDA ADVISED MIKI TO SHELVE RATIFICATION BECAUSE NPT REMINDS OF UNEQUAL TREATIES JAPAN FORCED TO SIGN ON EMERGING FROM ISOLATION. PERHAPS FOR REASONS OF SUCH NATIONALISM EVEN JCP OPPOSES NPT. SENSES FEELING EXPRESSED "MORE RARELY" THAT JAPAN SHOULD RETAIN "FREE HAND" TO KEEP OPTION OPEN OR EVEN GO NUKE.

BUT OBSERVES "ABOUT FACE" AND FAILURE TO RATIFY NPT NOW WOULD CALL INTL CREDIBILITY OF GOJ INTO QUESTION, AND MAKE "LAUGHING STOCK" OF THREE NON-NUKE PRINCIPLES (NOT-BUILD, POSSESINTRODUCE). ON BALANCE, WHILE OPPONENTS STRONG ENOUGH TO EXERCISE VETO OVER NPT RATIFICATION IN LDP CONSENSUS PROCESS, SAY CHANCES OF JAPAN GOING NUKE, WHETHER RATIFIES NPT OR NOT, ARE "EXTRAORDINARILY REMOTE." KISSINGER

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